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1. ON 30 MARCH, DR. DAN AND DR. PHIEU REPORTED THAT MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS HAVE EXPRESSED INTENTION TO PROVIDE SOME HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EUROPEAN MARKET COUNTRIES HAVE INDICATED THEY MAY DONATE FOODSTUFFS; GERMANY IS INTERESTED IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING; FRANCE, IN THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER. BOTH MINISTERS HAVE ASKED JAPAN TO ASSIST WITH LAND CLEARANCE, FARMING EQUIPMENT, ROOFING, AND METAL HOUSE FRAMES.

2. HOWEVER, FROM NONE OF THESE COUNTRIES OR GROUPS HAVE DR. DAN AND DR. PHIEU RECEIVED ANY FIRM COMMITMENT. ACCORDING TO DR. PHIEU, JAPAN WILL WAIT UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT THIEU' S VISIT TO THE U. S. TO SEE WHAT WILL BE THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ASSISTANCE.

3. DR. DAN BELIEVES THAT 650,000 WAR VICTIMS CURRENTLY IN CAMP WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL VILLAGES OR TRANSPORTED ELSEWHERE FOR RESETTLEMENT BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 1973.

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HOWEVER, THE RTV OR RESETTLEMENT PAYMENTS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE 31 MARCH 1974. THE PLAN CALLS FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF 250,000 AND THE RTV OF 400,000 PERSONS BEFORE 31 DECEMBER. BECAUSE OF INSECURITY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, THE OBJECTIVE MAY NOT BE REACHED AND PROBABLY AT LEAST 100,000 WAR VICTIMS WILL STILL BE IN CAMP AT YEAR' S END.

4. TO ALL PROSPECTIVE DONORS, DR. DAN IS DISTRIBUTING A PAPER OUTLINING PROGRAM NEEDS. HE SUGGESTS CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND; SUCH AS RICE, ROOFING SHEETS, TENTS, PRE- CUT TIMBER FOR HOUSES, CEMENT, FARM TOOLS, ELECTRIC GENERATORS, AND TRACTORS. ADMITTEDLY THIS IS SIMPLY A SHOPPING LIST FOR BENEFIT OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS AND NOT A COMPLETELY REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF NEED. COPIES OF DR. DAN' S PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO GOODWIN, AID/ W SA.
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